Committee for transfer of Teachers

3098. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 929, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 2001 and state:

(a) the composition of the Committee constituted for transfer of teachers on displacement basis, alongwith its duties, functions and powers;

(b) from which source these powers have emanated, the dates and relevant powers;

(c) whether the Committee has been empowered to amend/ multilate Transfer Guidelines approved by the Board of Governors; and

(d) if so, the details of relevant provisions and rationale thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) As per the transfer guidelines approved by the Board of Governors, the composition of the Committee constituted for giving recommendation on the issue of transfer of teachers on displacement basis is as follows:

1. Chairman	—	Addl. Secretary, (Education)
2. Member	—	Commissioner, KVS
3. Member	—	Joint Commissioner, KVS.

(b) to (d) Whereas the function of the Committee referred to are enumerated in clause 10 of the transfer guidelines, the decisions/ recommendations of the Committee, where required, are approved by the Competent Authority as per clause 18(b) of transfer guidelines.

Open Schools in NER

3099. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Open Schools opened so far in the North-Eastern Region, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any objection regarding the conduct of examinations by the State Board of Examinations; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to sort out the differences between the Central and the State Boards?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The information regarding number of accredited institutions (Study Centres) of the National Open School functioning in the North Eastern Regions is given below:

State	No. of Accredited Institutions (Study Centres)
Assam	10
Manipur	19
Meghalaya	9
Nagaland	13
Arunachal Pradesh	13
Mizoram	7

(b) and (c) The National Open School has informed that on 9th June, 2000, the Council of Higher Secondary Education, Manipur had issued a notification informing all concerned that the candidates qualifying in the Secondary level examination conducted by the National Open School shall not be eligible for admission in class XI from the academic session 2000-2001.

The matter was taken up by the National Open School with the concerned authorities of Manipur seeking their cooperation and involvement in the matter regarding selection of Study Centres/ Examination Centres and fair conduct of National Open school Examinations at those centres. On 19th June, 2000 the Council of Higher Secondary Education, Manipur have issued a notification keeping in abeyance, until further instructions from the Government of Manipur, the decision taken by them earlier treating National

Open School certificate holders ineligible for admission in Higher classes.

Computer Education in Kendriya Vidyalayas

3100. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that computer education has been introduced recently in about 3000 Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, whether a computer-education-fee is being charged from students opting therefor;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that while this fee is being charged from students, not a single computer is available in schools for the preceding six months or more; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir. Computer Education has been introduced in 452 Vidyalayas only so far.

(b) and (c) The Computer Education fee @ Rs. 20 per month per student is charged.

(d) and (e) Computer fee is charged from the students only when the Computer Education is imparted.

Prayer in Colleges

3101. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that students do not start their daily classes in colleges with prayers, as they do in schools;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to make prayers in colleges compulsory; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?